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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Request for Investigation to Determine Whether a Regulation Should Be Promulgated Requiring Relocation of Certain Meter Sets or Installation of Splash Guards on These Meter Sets

Fifth Supplemental Operator Responses

Docket No. 2005-270-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On the enclosed table, please find the fifth semi-annual compilation of responses provided by jurisdictional Gas System Operators ("operators") in South Carolina pursuant to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") Orders¹ issued in Docket No. 2005-270-G and specifically Order No. 2007-589. Operators who have completed remediation are not included in the responses. In addition, please find enclosed a letter from South Carolina Electric and Gas related to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Enclosures

cc:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Orders No. 2007-589, 2007-475, 2006-310, 2006-168, and 2006-168(A).

# FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATOR RESPONSES SEPTEMBER, 2009 PSC Docket No. 2005-270-G

OPERATORS THAT HAD NOT COMPLETED TYPE 12 METER SET REMEDIATION AS OF 3/09	Date of Supplemental Reply	1. Type 12 Meter Sets on System	2. Type 12 Meter Sets Subject to Service Regulatory Vent Moisture Intrusion and Freezing	3. Remaining Number to be Reconfigured*	4. Remaining Meters to have Splash Guards Installed*	5. Reconfiguration Schedule	6. Splash Guard Installation Schedule	7. Number Reconfigured to Date	8. Number of Splash Guards Installed to Date	9. Forecast for Completing Reconfigurations	10. Forecast for Completing Splash Guard Installations	Comments
Clinton Newberry NGA	9/7/09	14,561	14,561	0	0	May 2009	N/A	14,561	N/A	May 2009	N/A	All meters are reconfigured.
Lancaster Co. NGA	9/3/09	12,000	2,040	Ongoing	Ongoing	In progress daily	In progress daily	578	1,177	In progress daily	2010	In the process of changing over Moisture Intrusion Regulators during Service Orders, Meter Orders, Leak Orders and during repairs resuling from Leak Survey activity.
York Co. NGA	9/7/09	157	140	0	0	Completed	Completed	39	101	Completed	Completed	YCNGA completed inspection of type 12 meter sets in its system. All known meters sets of this type are reconfigured or have vents modified to prevent vent freezing. In the unlikely event any more are found in the system, they will be addressed and remediated according to the procedures already established.



- August 21, 2009

### **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Request for information to determine whether a regulation should be promulgated requiring relocation of certain meter sets or installation of splash guards on these meter sets

Docket No. 2005-270-G

Dear Ms. Hudson:

By letter dated February 9, 2009, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or the "Company") informed the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") that the Company had taken remedial action in connection with all known Type 12 meter sets on its system, and that it had instructed its employees to continue to look for any additional Type 12 meters and if found, to install a splash guard or reconfigure the meter set.

The purpose of this letter is to inform ORS that since February 9, 2009, the Company, through the diligent efforts of its employees, has identified 84 additional Type 12 meter sets on its system. Immediately after the Company identified these meter sets as Type 12 meters SCE&G initiated the required remedial measures and installed a splash guard on each meter.

As part of SCE&G's February 9, 2009 letter, the Company provided ORS with a document entitled "Third Amended Exhibit A" advising ORS of, among other things, the total number of Type 12 meter sets on its system and the total number of splash guards installed. With the discovery and remediation of the additional Type 12 meter sets, it is necessary to revise Exhibit A. Therefore, attached to this letter is a document entitled "Fourth Amended Exhibit A", which incorporates the additional meter sets discovered on SCE&G's system since February 2009 and the remedial action taken.

As of the date of this letter, the Company has taken the necessary remedial action on all known Type 12 meter sets on its system and therefore, is in full compliance with all Commission orders issued in Docket No. 2005-270-G. The Company, however, continues to instruct its employees to look for Type 12 meter sets. In the event that any additional Type 12 meter sets

are discovered on SCE&G's system, the Company will take the necessary remedial action and advise ORS accordingly.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

K. Chad Burgess

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## Fourth Amended Exhibit A

Total number of Type 12	9,440
Meter Sets on System	
Total number of Type 12 Meter Sets	Unknown
Subject to Service Regulatory Vent	
Moisture Intrusion and Freezing	
Total Number to be Reconfigured	208
Total Number to have Splash Guards	9,232
Installed	
Reconfiguration Schedule	Completed
Splash Guard Installation Schedule	Completed
Total Number Reconfigured to Date	208
Total Number Splash Guards Installed	9,232
To Date	·
Forecast for Completing	Completed
Reconfigurations	
Forecast for Completing Splash	Completed
Guard Installations   (#)	•

